

# HOUSE BILL No. 1224

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21-5-2.

**Synopsis:** Speed limits on U.S. 31. Sets a maximum speed limit of: (1) 70 miles per hour on U.S. 31 from: (A) the intersection of U.S. 31 and U.S. 35 in Howard County to the intersection of U.S. 31 and State Road 26 in Howard County; and (B) mile marker 229 in Marshall County to mile marker 244 in St Joseph County; and (2) 65 miles per hour on U.S. 31 from the intersection of U.S. 31 and Interstate 465 in Hamilton County to the boundary line between Indiana and Michigan, except 30 miles per hour in an urban district.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 9-21-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
2       SECTION 163, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. Except when a special hazard  
4       exists that requires lower speed for compliance with section 1 of this  
5       chapter, the slower speed limit specified in this section or established  
6       as authorized by section 3 of this chapter is the maximum lawful speed.  
7       A person may not drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of  
8       the following maximum limits:  
9       (1) Thirty (30) miles per hour in an urban district.  
10       (2) Fifty-five (55) miles per hour, except as provided in  
11       subdivisions (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), ~~and~~ (7), ~~and~~ (9).  
12       (3) Seventy (70) miles per hour on a highway on the national  
13       system of interstate and defense highways located outside of an  
14       urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of  
15       at least fifty thousand (50,000), except as provided in subdivision



- (4).
- (4) Sixty-five (65) miles per hour for a vehicle (other than a bus) having a declared gross weight greater than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds on a highway on the national system of interstate and defense highways located outside an urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least fifty thousand (50,000).
- (5) Sixty-five (65) miles per hour on:
- (A) U.S. 20 from the intersection of U.S. 20 and County Road 17 in Elkhart County to the intersection of U.S. 20 and U.S. 31 in St. Joseph County;
  - (B) U.S. 31 from the intersection of U.S. 31 and ~~U.S. 20~~ **U.S. 20 in St. Joseph Interstate Highway 465 in Hamilton** County to the boundary line between Indiana and Michigan, **except as provided in subdivision (9);** and
  - (C) a highway classified by the Indiana department of transportation as an INDOT Freeway.
- (6) On a highway that is the responsibility of the Indiana finance authority established by IC 4-4-11:
- (A) seventy (70) miles per hour for:
    - (i) a motor vehicle having a declared gross weight of not more than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds; or
    - (ii) a bus; or
  - (B) sixty-five (65) miles per hour for a motor vehicle having a declared gross weight greater than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.
- (7) Sixty (60) miles per hour on a highway that:
- (A) is not designated as a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways;
  - (B) has four (4) or more lanes;
  - (C) is divided into two (2) or more roadways by:
    - (i) an intervening space that is unimproved and not intended for vehicular travel;
    - (ii) a physical barrier; or
    - (iii) a dividing section constructed to impede vehicular traffic; and
  - (D) is located outside an urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least fifty thousand (50,000).
- (8) Fifteen (15) miles per hour in an alley.
- (9) Seventy (70) miles per hour on U.S. 31 from:**
- (A) the intersection of U.S. 31 and U.S. 35 in Howard**



1           **County to the intersection of U.S. 31 and State Road 26 in**  
2           **Howard County; and**  
3           **(B) mile marker 229 in Marshall County to mile marker**  
4           **244 in St. Joseph County.**

